

OAT'S REPORT.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S
TRIP AROUND HAWAII.A Short Session of the Executive and
Advisory Councils—The Finance
Report.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16th.

The executive and advisory councils met at 1:30 this afternoon, President Dole in the chair. The members present were: Ministers King, Damon and Smith, and Councilors Hatch, Allen, Wilder, Waterhouse, Brown, Tenney, Young, Sahr, Nott, Morgan and Bolte.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Minister of Finance Damon then presented his weekly report, as follows:

FINANCE STATEMENT FOR WEEK END-
ING NOVEMBER 15, 1893.

Current Account Balance—\$120,933 38

RECEIPTS.

Interior Department.....	\$ 2,810 00
Customs.....	13,765 00
Fines, Penalties and Costs.....	1,387 00
Revenue Stamps.....	362 30
Water.....	425 00
Post Office.....	3,000 00
Brands.....	20 00
Government Realizations.....	1,118 46
Taxes.....	786 81
Hilo Water Receipts.....	20 25
Sale of Government Bonds.....	7,000 00
Sinking Fund.....	3,167 50
	\$ 33,842 32
	\$154,775 70

EXPENDITURES.

Judiciary Department.....	\$ 616 10
Department of Foreign Affairs.....	583 32
Interior Department—	
Bureau of Public Works.....	291 20
Water Works.....	238 00
Board of Health.....	820 40
Miscellaneous—	
Forests and Nurseries, \$102.20; Repairs to Markets, \$30; Aid to Kapiolani Mat. Home, \$100; Aid to Paradise of the Pacific, \$100.....	332 20
Finance Department—	
Salaries, Incidentals, etc.....	4,031 38
Interest.....	2,890 00
Attorney-general's dep't.....	3,389 50
General Expenses Provisional Government.....	639 82
Road Tax—To Special Deposit.....	182 00
School Tax—To Special Deposit.....	204 00
Land Sales.....	3,167 50
Expense Placing Loan, 1893.....	140 00
Payments under Sec. 2.....	110 50
Claim of 123 Japanese laborers at Kekaha (Act 52).....	289 05
	\$ 17,924 87
Current Account Balance.....	136,481 84
Loan Fund Account Bal.....	368 89
	\$136,850 73
Outstanding Bonds.....	\$2,653,200 00
Treasury Notes.....	40,000 00
Due Postal Savings Bank and P. M. Gen. Notes.....	705,416 95
	\$3,398,616 95
Less Loan Fund Bal.....	368 89
Net Indebtedness.....	\$3,398,248 06

Postal Savings Bank memo: Notices this date of withdrawals maturing in November and December, 1893, and January and February, 1894..... 31,103 00

Cash on hand P. S. bank this day..... 32,169 68

Expenses, Prov. Govt. memo: Exps. Prov. Govt. to date..... 159,954 21

(This amount covers all expenses, including military and items not appropriated by the last Legislature.)

Memo, cash in Treasury: Outstanding Certificates, \$254,000.00.....

Certificates withdrawn from circulation and deposited for safe keeping, \$25,000.00.....

Cash in Treasury to redeem certificates, \$254,000.00.....

Cash on hand, Postal Savings Bank..... 32,169 68

Road Board fund in Treasury..... 58,803 59

School Board fund in Treasury..... 37,885 48

Available cash, as above..... 136,850 73

\$ 260,709 48

While reading the report Mr. Damon took occasion to note that there was a balance to the credit fund, the advances to it from the general revenue having been paid. He also said that it was now the intention to use the excess of receipts over withdrawals of the Postal Savings bank for the postmaster-general's notes, as the latter draw a higher rate of interest.

As soon as Minister Damon had finished reading the finance report, he presented the report of Postmaster-General Oat, who a short time ago returned from a trip around Hawaii, for the purpose of inspecting and inquiring into post offices and

postal facilities there. The report is as follows:

HONOLULU, Nov. 15th, 1893.
HIS EXCELLENCY S. M. DAMON,
Minister of Finance.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith, my report of a tour of the island of Hawaii, made for the purpose of examining into the postal service.

Leaving Honolulu on October 13th, I landed the following morning at Kawaihae. The postoffice here is in charge of Mr. Wm. Hookanui, who on arrival of mails from Honolulu dispatches carriers to Waimea, Kukuhaele, Honokaa and Pauilo, on the windward side, and another to Kailua, and along to Kainaliu, on the lee side of the island. Gave him instructions as to the manner of handling mails, keeping accounts, etc.

My next call was at Mahukona, where I found the postal and money order office in charge of Mr. Jno. S. Smith, who keeps his accounts according to instructions from the general office, and carries on the work in an efficient manner. He makes up mail and dispatches same to Kohala, Hamakua ports, Hilo, Kona and Kau, etc.

Proceeding to Kohala, I came to the post and money order office conducted by Miss Low. On investigation found the boxes were kept in excellent order and the office in good shape and run, as far as I could learn, to the satisfaction of the Kohala people. This office has 145 lock boxes, a large number of which are rented.

At Waimea the postal and money order office is cared for by Miss E. W. Lyons who conducts the same in a very efficient way.

At Kukuhaele the postal and money order office is in charge of Mr. W. Horner. It is located on the main road near the road to Waimea. Mr. Horner was absent at the time of my visit, but I met him later on and conversed with him on postal affairs. His office has 14 lock boxes.

Proceeding over to Waipio valley, I visited the postal agency in charge of Mrs. Owanui. She looks after the mail addressed to this place and delivers same. This mail comes by carrier from Kukuhaele, who continues on to Waipio, ten miles distant, which is his terminus.

Reaching Honokaa where the postal and money order office is in charge of Mr. L. P. Lincoln, situated on the main road, I examined his books and found them well kept. Instructed him thoroughly in the manner of conducting his office, and trust that there will be no more complaints from this district, now that he understands fully the regulations. This office has twenty lock boxes.

The next office en route is at Pauilo situated on the main road; does a money order business. Mr. J. R. Ren-ton is the postmaster. On examining books found them in order. This office has no lock boxes at present, but will have soon. After giving usual instructions and obtaining information as to mail carriers, etc. I proceeded on to

Ookala postal and money order office, situated at the plantation office. Mr. W. G. Walker is postmaster; but at the time of my visit he was in Honolulu.

Laupahoehoe postal and money order office was next visited. Mr. E. W. Barnard, postmaster. Found his accounts were kept in good order and Mr. Barnard posted in the details of his office. Has twenty-five lock boxes.

Mr. H. V. Patten conducts the post and money order office at Hakalau. The office is at the Hakalau store on the main road. Examined books and gave the usual instructions, etc.

My next point to reach was Hilo, where Mr. L. Severance is postmaster. The office is near the wharf, in a good, handy location. On examination found the books were kept according to instructions. This office is the largest on Hawaii, and being a central point does a large business. I gathered considerable information about the mail carriers' route, viz: through Puna, Kau and Kona via the volcano road, and the Hamakua routes.

After visiting a couple of days at Hilo, I started on a long ride through Puna to consider the idea of establishing one or more post offices in that district. After consultation with some of the principal residents, and considering their requirements, I have come to the conclusion that it would be advisable to establish a post and money order office at Pohoiki, to commence with, and should it be found necessary in the future, another can be established in some other section of the district.

Leaving Puna I made a trip to Oiaa with a view of looking into postal facilities, and gathered some information which will probably prove beneficial to the residents.

At the volcano house which I next visited Mr. Peter Lee acts as postal agent. There are not many residents in this locality, but having an office here is quite an accommodation to tourists.

Leaving the volcano house I rode to Kau and first visited the post and money order office at Pahala. Mr. T. C. Willis, postmaster. Gave the usual instructions, examined books and found they were kept as ordered by general office.

At Punaluu there is an office at the landing, Wm. Fennel, postmaster. Hila office was next en route. It is conducted in an efficient manner by Mr. J. C. Searle, postmaster. Gave the usual instructions and proceeded on to

Honoupa, where the postal agency is in the hands of Mr. G. Dawson. Office at warehouse near the landing. The next office to visit was at Naele where there is a post and money order department. Mr. G. S. Patten, postmaster. Found his accounts kept in good order and he quite conversant with the duties of his office.

Waiohinu post and money order office is in charge of Mr. G. Meinicke, postmaster. Gave him full instructions as to the manner of keeping his accounts, putting up mails, etc. This being the terminus of the Kau and Kona routes I gathered considerable valuable information as to mail carriers, etc. This office has twenty lock boxes.

My next stopping place was Hoopuloa, where Mr. J. H. Maele acts as mail agent, calling at the steamer landing on up and down trips. His office is at Miloli, about one mile distant. Gave him instructions about handling mails and proceeded on to the post and money order office at

Hookena, where Mr. T. K. R. Amalu is postmaster. The office is near the landing. Found his accounts kept in good order. Gave him instructions as to the handling of mails, etc. Has twenty lock boxes.

At Kealahou I met the postmaster, Mr. S. H. Davis. His office is about three miles from the Kawaloa landing. Gave him the usual instructions and learned many facts connected with the carriers along the Kona coast.

On the opposite side of Kealahou bay is Napoohoo, where Mr. S. W. Kino acts as mail agent. His office is near the landing. After giving him the usual instructions I proceeded to the next office, at

Keauhou. It is near the landing, in charge of Mrs. G. W. Pillo, postmistress, who conducts it quite satisfactorily to the residents there.

Finally, I reached the post and money order office at Kailua, Mr. J. Kaelemakule, postmaster. Office at store not far from the landing, which is kept very neatly. Has thirty lock boxes. Examined into his manner of keeping accounts and gave him full instructions as to the handling of mails.

In conclusion, I desire to state to your excellency that my visit to the island of Hawaii will no doubt have a beneficial result in the future working of this branch of the public service.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
JOS. M. OAT,
Postmaster-General.

Minister Damon also stated that the designs for new stamps of E. W. Holdsworth had been accepted by the postmaster-general, and that the designs had been sent on to New York for engraving. Also, that Mr. Allen, the Hawaiian consul general at New York, would see and correct the proofs of the stamps.

President Dole stated that on recommendation of the council the pardon applied for by the Japanese had been granted, but that the man had died shortly after receiving it, and had had no benefit from the council's action.

Minister Smith then moved to go into special session. Carried.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Talk of Giving Honolulu the
Go-by.

Mr. Audley Coote, who has taken such an important part in the promotion of the French cable to New Caledonia, left yesterday afternoon for Melbourne, en route for England. He speaks in the highest terms of the cable, and says that the tests made of it show that it is one of the best ever laid. What, however, is of more importance at the present moment, in view of the complications which have arisen through the proposals made by the Canadian representatives who are at the present time engaged in promoting their particular projects, is whether the line is to be continued past New Caledonia, and from what Mr. Coote says, there need be no doubt on that point. The second section will proceed from Gomen, New Caledonia, to Fiji, a distance of 791 miles; the third section is from Fiji to Samoa, 685 miles; the fourth section is from Samoa to Hawaii, via Fanning island, 2417 miles; and the last section, from Hawaii to Vancouver, 2675 miles; and if the cable is finished it will go on to 'Frisco.

Mr. Coote has written a long letter to the premier in which he severely criticises the project of Mr. Sandford Fleming, and enters into details with the view of showing the superiority of the cable which he specifically represents. He describes the rival route as an old scheme, and he avers that it will be utterly impossible to lay down a Pacific cable which does not touch on foreign territory. Samoa, for instance, is under the joint control of Great Britain, Germany and the United States, while at Honolulu the French people have to be consulted. He understands that Mr. Sandford Fleming proposes to leave out Honolulu; but he points out that if this be done there will be a stretch of cable of 3000 miles without a landing point, and at present the longest cable laid has only an extent of 2000 miles. A cable of the former length instead of being economical would entail extra expenditure, owing to a stronger cable having to be provided. Mr. Coote attaches no importance to the talk about the use which might be made of the French cable in time of war, as treaties provide for the protection of such cables. He mentioned also that what the New South Wales government have done is simply to guarantee the payment of a sum of money to the support of the cable. As a matter of fact it is very hypothetical if any of the guarantee will be required, as it is expected that the returns will be sufficient to render it unnecessary to call on the government for any money. According to Mr. Coote, what the New South Wales government have done is to "back a bill" for the company, in return for which they have the right to send their messages over the line free of charge for thirty years. He mentions that as soon as the line was completed he wrote to the premier stating that the cable was now finished, and

that the service was at the service of the government. This privilege, he contends, is a good return for any risk that New South Wales runs in the matter.

Mr. Coote agrees with the position taken up by the government, that this colony is only bound to the first section of the cable, extending from Bundaberg to Gomen, but he adds that, whether the colony decides to assist further or not, it is the intention of the French company to continue the line. Indeed he is now en route to London to make the necessary inquiries as to the construction of the second section of the cable, orders for which have been given, and he expects to see the line laid to Samoa in about eighteen months.

It is reported that the United States are anxious that the company shall make its terminal point at San Francisco, overtures having already been made in that direction by a leading telegraph company in the States. The French company prefer to go via Vancouver, so that the line might go through British territory. If, however, there is any opposition to the cable being landed at Vancouver by the Canadian government, the French company will probably accept the overtures made by the American company. Mr. Coote expects to be back in Australia in about five months time.—*Sydney Herald*, Oct. 24.

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